

## General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 162

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LCO No. 896



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

## AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) For purposes of this
- 2 section:
- 3 (1) "Institutionalized spouse" has the same meaning as provided in
- 4 42 USC 1396r-5(h)(1).
- 5 (2) "Community spouse" has the same meaning as provided in 42
- 6 USC 1396r-5(h)(2).
- 7 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
- 8 state plan to require that the community spouse of an institutionalized
- 9 spouse receive the maximum community spouse resource allowance
- 10 pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2).
- 11 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
- 12 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the

13 provisions of this section.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

## Statement of Purpose:

To help spouses of nursing home residents to live independently longer in the community.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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